

## CLAIMS

We claim:

1        1. A craft stencil, comprising:  
2        a sheet of open mesh material;  
3        a coating applied to portions of the mesh material, wherein  
4 coated portions of the mesh material are substantially  
5 impermeable to particulate matter and uncoated portions of the  
6 mesh material define a pattern permeable to particulate material,  
7 the pattern including at least one guideline;  
8        whereby when the sheet is placed upon a workpiece and a  
9 powder applicator is applied to the stencil, the powder passes  
10 through the uncoated portions of the mesh material and transfers  
11 the pattern to the workpiece.

1        2. The craft stencil according to claim 1, wherein said at  
2 least one guideline comprises at least one registration mark.

1        3. The craft stencil according to claim 1, wherein said  
2 pattern comprises at least one continuous line.

1        4. The craft stencil according to claim 3, wherein said at  
2 least one guideline comprises at least one directional arrow  
3 disposed on said at least one continuous line.

1        5. The craft stencil according to claim 1, wherein said open  
2 mesh material is a polyester monofilament mesh.

1        6. The craft stencil according to claim 1, wherein said open  
2 mesh material has a thread count of between about forty to one  
3 hundred ninety threads per inch.

1        7. The craft stencil according to claim 1, wherein said  
2 coating is semi-transparent.

1        8. A method of making a craft stencil, comprising the steps  
2 of:

3        providing an untensioned sheet of an open mesh material;  
4        applying a single, thin layer of a photosensitive emulsion  
5 to one side of said material;

6        overlaying said material with a transparent sheet, the  
7 transparent sheet having a pattern opaquely printed on a surface  
8 thereof, the pattern covering corresponding areas of said  
9 material;

10       exposing areas of said emulsion not covered by said pattern  
11 to light while leaving emulsion covered by said pattern  
12 substantially unexposed;

13       removing said transparent sheet from said material; and  
14       removing said unexposed emulsion from said material.

1        9. The method of making a craft stencil according to claim  
2 8, wherein said pattern comprises at least one guideline.

1        10. The method of making a craft stencil according to claim  
2 8, wherein said at least one guideline comprises at least one  
3 registration mark.

1        11. The method of making a craft stencil according to claim  
2 8, wherein said pattern comprises a plurality of lines.

1        12. The method of making a craft stencil 11, wherein said at  
2 least one guideline comprises at least one directional arrow  
3 disposed on at least one of said lines.

1        13. The method of making a craft stencil according to claim  
2 8, wherein photosensitive emulsion is semi-transparent.

1        14. A craft stencil formed by the method of claim 8.

1 15. A method of using a craft stencil, comprising the steps  
2 of:

3 providing a craft stencil, the craft stencil comprising a  
4 sheet of open mesh material, there being a substantially  
5 impermeable coating applied to portions of said material, whereby  
6 remaining uncoated portions of the material define a pattern;

7 positioning said craft stencil on a surface of a workpiece;

8 applying a marking powder to said craft stencil, the marking  
9 powder contacting the surface of said workpiece through said  
10 uncoated areas of said craft stencil; and

11 removing said craft stencil from the surface of said  
12 workpiece.

1 16. The method of using a craft stencil according to claim  
2 15, wherein said marking powder is applied to the surface of said  
3 workpiece using a marking powder applicator.

1 17. The method of using a craft stencil according to claim  
2 16, wherein said marking powder contacts the surface of said  
3 workpiece through said uncoated areas of said craft stencil.

1 18. The method of using a craft stencil according to claim  
2 15, wherein said pattern includes at least one guideline.

1 19. The method of using a craft stencil according to claim  
2 18, further comprising the step of using said at least one

3 guideline to align said craft stencil with markings or features  
4 on the surface of said workpiece.